**Infrastructure development for Commonwealth Games in Delhi**

3859. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps initiated by Government to meet the infrastructure requirements for the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi;

(b) the names of the agencies responsible for transports, construction of games village and stadia; and

(c) the estimated cost of infrastructure and provisions for the games?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) A review of existing infrastructure in the city of Delhi in context of Commonwealth Games 2010 has been undertaken. The existing infrastructure with Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) with major upgradatbn and renovation would be used for most of the disciplines covered under the Commonwealth Games. One indoor and one outdoor stadium as well as Squash Court are proposed to be constructed. In addition, a Commonwealth Games Village is also proposed to be constructed off the Nizamuddin Bridge.

A Task Force for upgradation/renovation of SAI's infrastructure has been set up and the consultancy for the work on SAI's existing infrastructure has been assigned to CPWD. Condition Survey of SAI's existing five Stadia at Delhi has started.

Delhi Development Authority has also commenced the action to prepare preliminary designs in respect of new venues & Games Village proposed to be constructed by it.

A Core Committee has been set up by the Government of NCT of Delhi under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Delhi to prepare a master plan forimprovement/up-gradation of civic amenities in Delhi for Commonwealth Games, 2010. The Government of NCT of Delhi is in the process of finalizing plans for upgradation of roads, healthcare, civic amenities, traffic management and parking for the Commonwealth Games.

Government of NCT of Delhi, Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi Municipal Corporation and Sports Authority of India are responsible for the works coming under their jurisdiction.

(c) At the time of Government approval for Commonwealth Games Bid

in the year 2003, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had projected an expenditure of Rs. 399.05 crore. Besides, the cost of construction of Games Village was projected as Rs. 186.00 crore. The cost of construction of indoor & outdoor stadium in the Yamuna Sports Complex and upgradation of existing infrastructure of the Delhi Development Authority was projected as Rs.32.50 crore. However, these estimates are further likely to be revised upwards.

**Construction of swimming pool at Shimoga**

3860. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of swimming pool at Nehru Stadium at Shimoga is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The proposal for Swimming Pool at Nehru Stadium, Shimoga District, Karnataka was examined and was found deficient in terms of the prescribed norms of the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure. State Government was informed on 16.12.2002 to reformulate the proposal.

(c) The above said Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been transferred to State sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005. The State Governments shall henceforth entirely fund the construction of sports facilities.

**Commonwealth Games**

3861. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Commonwealth Games are being held in New Delhi in 2010;

(b) if so, the steps that are being taken for the preparation of the games and whether any Core Committee have been constituted by Gpvernment for making necessary arrangements;

(c) whether Government are planning to associate international experts